IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yukio Yamaji et al. : Confirmation No.: 6232

Application No. 10/528,228 : TC/Art Unit: 1733

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For: Apparatus and Method For : Atty Docket: P70312US0

FRACTIONATING GYPSUM SLURRY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING

GYPSUM BOARD

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2009 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No./Mail Date 20090301), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a); and any fees required for consideration of this paper and any papers associated with it (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.